

Subvention demonstration project under which six military treatment sites were organized as Medicare+Choice plans and have enrolled and treated military retirees and their dependents 65 and over. This Demonstration will end December 31, 2000.

The Demonstration Project has been a success. There are long waiting lists to enroll at several of the sites. The number of retirees enrolling when they turn 65 is much higher than DoD expected. GAO reported that some retirees joined Tricare Prime at age 64 to be eligible to age-in to Tricare Senior Prime. The disenrollment rate is much lower than those of almost all Medicare managed care plans.

Enrollees in Tricare Senior Prime are guaranteed continuity of care at military health facilities. The current "Space Available" care cannot ensure that a retiree can see his cardiologist or other physician when he needs an appointment. The health needs of the over 65 population cannot wait for "space available." Medicare Subvention is needed to replace the Space Available policy as soon as possible.

Our men and women in uniform have earned and deserve quality health care for themselves and their families. Congress must take immediate action to live up to the medical care commitment the government made to our service men and women and their families. Though the Taylor Amendment does not take care of the entire military retiree population, it is a good first step to addressing this duty we have to take care of our nation's career service men and women. I urge your strong support of this important amendment.

**RECOGNIZING DR. SPENCER PRICE
FOR RECEIVING THE GENERAL
DOUGLAS A. MACARTHUR LEAD-
ERSHIP AWARD**

HON. SAXBY CHAMBLISS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a distinguished gentleman from Georgia's 8th District who is visiting Washington this week as one of six outstanding National Guard officers in the country, Dr. Spencer Price.

Dr. Price has been awarded the prestigious General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award for his dedication to both the medical and military community. Dr. Price is a respected internal medicine specialist at The Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon and is also a member of the Georgia Army National Guard. In addition, Dr. Price serves as a surgeon for the Georgia Guard's 121st Infantry Battalion.

Dr. Price has made a career of serving people and saving lives, and we all know this world needs more people who are willing to put selfishness aside and dedicate themselves to serving their community and their country. As a Member of Congress from Georgia and a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I have been fortunate to know Dr. Price and have had several opportunities to speak with him about issues facing both the Georgia Guard and America's military. His insight is always respected.

Mr. Speaker, Georgia is rich in military heritage and we have always been home to incredible leaders and public servants. Dr.

Spencer Price is one of those people. He is an outstanding American, and it is an honor to know him.

**HONORING THE 75TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE VFW NATIONAL
HOME FOR CHILDREN**

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children during their 75th Anniversary Gala Celebration. The VFW National Home for Children, located in Onondaga Township in rural Ingham County, has been serving our country, our state, our families and our children for 75 years. Through the initial efforts and determination of Amy Ross, a young woman from Detroit, this unique and cherished place has grown in the last several decades to include over 70 buildings on 629 acres nicely situated on the Grand River.

The VFW National Home for Children has created an inclusive community to assist families of those who served our country who can benefit from the assistance of a caring family environment. The National Home provides a variety of structural programs to help children develop the many skills that will enable them to succeed as young adults. Each of these programs, such as family living environment for orphans, single parent programs and preschool education and day care, provide essential assistance for our veterans and their loved ones. In addition, the Home's Education Department has a library, media center and computers that allow everyone to hone useful skills in our information-age connected economy. Tutoring is provided for students as well.

Mr. Speaker, the National Home also provides a dynamic roster of extra-curricular events throughout the year. These diverse activities include trips to cultural destinations throughout the state and beyond, such as the Detroit Zoo, fishing on Lake Erie, watching hockey games in Kalamazoo, canoeing on the Grand River, cross-county skiing and spending a day at Cedar Point in Ohio.

I was proud to support the VFW National Home for Children as a state legislator, and I am proud to rise today to commend the VFW National Home for Children on their 75th anniversary. This is a milestone which highlights many decades of service and commitment to the betterment of our future leaders.

IN MEMORY OF VICKI LEE GREEN

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 19, 2000

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to take this moment to recognize the life of a friend of mine, Vicki Lee Green. Vicki was a wonderful woman who was loved by many. She will be greatly missed by friends, relatives, business associates, and acquaintances.

Vicki was a Colorado native born in Palsade, Colorado on a peach farm on April 1, 1949. She was active in athletics and

cheerleading throughout her high school and college. Vicki went to Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado where she met her husband Lee Green. In 1970 they were married and in 1971 they moved to Glenwood Springs where they gave birth to their daughter Tonya.

In Glenwood Springs, Vicki worked as an exercise and ski instructor at Ski Sunlight. Vicki later took a real estate class and discovered her abilities as a salesperson, leading her to become a real estate agent. Vicki went on to create the latest real estate firm in the area and soon she was recognized as one of the top realtors in Colorado. Vicki earned a strong reputation for her business ability. Along with her business affairs, she provided many contributions to the community and the local college (CML).

Vicki was very dedicated to her family: her husband Lee, her brother Bill, her daughter Tonya, and her sister-in-law Jeannie. Vicki was so proud of her daughter in that among other things Tonya decided to follow her mom's footsteps as a realtor. Vicki considered her friends as family and on any occasion would assist them as only family could.

In the very broadest of terms, Vicki was a beautiful person who showed her compassion and love in many ways. Despite a battle of many years, her disease ravaged body finally surrendered, though Vicki's mind fought the good fight until the end. Memories of Vicki will remain solidified in the minds of many, many people for years to come. Vicki will be deeply missed by those of us who were fortunate enough to know her.

**FLOYD D. SPENCE NATIONAL DE-
FENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2001**

SPEECH OF

HON. SILVESTRE REYES

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4205) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes.

Mr. REYES. Mr. Chairman, I insert the following materials for the RECORD.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE,

Washington, DC, May 17, 2000.

Hon. FLOYD D. SPENCE,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to Section 1027(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 (Public Law 106-65, Oct. 5, 1999), please find the enclosed report on the use of military personnel to support civilian law enforcement. The report addresses:

1. The plan described in Section 1027(a);
2. A discussion of the risks and benefits associated with using military personnel to support civilian law enforcement;
3. Recommendations; and
4. The total number of active and reserve members, and members of the National Guard whose activities were supported using funds provided under section 112 of Title 32,